



# The Pulpit Rock

The Nahant Village Church, 27 Cliff Street, PO Box 77, Nahant, MA 01908  
*An open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ  
where everyone is welcome*

**2023**

## Scripture Readings

### Oct. 1 Worship/Communion

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

End of 200th Ann. Celebration

*Theme: The Business of Up-  
building*

### Oct. 8 - Worship

Nineteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

*Theme: The 10 Commandments*

### Oct 15 - Worship/Installation

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 22:1-14

*Theme: Inclusiveness*

**Installation: 2 p.m.**

### Oct. 22 - Worship

Twenty-First

Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 22:15-22

*Theme: Wisdom vs. Trickiness*

### Oct. 29 - Worship

Twenty-Second

Sunday after Pentecost

TBA

Jen McCarthy in for Rev. Scott

## Calendar

**Community Breakfast**

Friday, Oct. 13, 8 a.m..

**Installation**

Sunday Oct. 15, 2023, 2 p.m.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Reception to follow.

**Caregivers "Connections"**

Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 11 a.m.

## THINGS ARE HAPPENING HERE AT NVC



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

So that may be the rainiest summer I have ever experienced– and I lived in Oregon for nearly twenty years! While the rain cut down on our beach time under a sun umbrella Nancy Marie and I still got out and about and explored Nahant and even Boston a few times (taking the ferry from Lynn is one of our favorite ways to travel!). We also spent time at the parsonage with the windows open listening to the rain and when we could sit in the lovely yard, we read, listened to the birds, leaves gently rustling and distant waves crashing.

Despite the gray clouds on many days, I took heart not only in Nancy and my out and about adventures, but in the wonderful things happening at Nahant Village Church. The property committee and trustees are to be commended on all the work accomplished on the grounds. That work included among other things: chapel repairs; painting Swansburg Hall; painting portions of the outside of the church; much needed robing

room repairs; installation of an air conditioning unit and starting work on making the Sanctuary handicap accessible. Well done!

Council and its committees have also been hard at work this summer accomplishing a great amount of work. That work has included among other things: working with the staff putting together items to hand out at events; a presence at the Market by the Sea; a successful community yard sale; a 200th Anniversary celebration with history moments and hymns each Sunday and an Open House & Concert on September 30th; an Animal Blessing Service; a community Overcoming Racism class; October 15 Installation Service and beginning work on a youth theatre ministry. We also worked on a Peace Village for children that did not pan out for 2023 but we plan on using the work we did and to try again in 2024 with an early start.

A lot happened this summer and I am very grateful for all who participated. Thank you!

Your Brother in Christ,  
Rev. Scott Elliott





## DID YOU KNOW?

**No one from the Nahant Village Church would ever email or text you asking for gift cards!**

Last month Rev. Scott's email and or phone was cloned and several members of our church family received emails or texts from him asking first for time, then for gift cards. People have been mimicking clergy emails for years using website information.

If this happens to you please keep two things in mind:

1. No one, not Rev. Scott or anyone else from NVC would ever ask you for gift cards via email or text.
2. Rev. Scott doesn't text! He doesn't even use a cell phone! So if you receive a text from him — you can be sure it's a scam.

If you receive an email from Rev. Scott or anyone connected to NVC that you think is strange or questionable in anyway do not respond or take any action, particularly if it includes money or sensitive information. Call the office at 781-581-1202 or Jen McCarthy at 781-316-7309 or call the person who emailed/texted you directly. Find out from the source if the email/text is valid. If it is valid, respond as you wish. If it's not delete it immediately and report as spam!

## TIME CAPSULE

What would like us to be remembered for?



We are collecting items for a Nahant Village Church time capsule! If you have photos, a small memento, letters or anything you think would make a good addition please bring it to NVC during Sunday worship or feel free to drop items off at the office during regular hours: Mon. - Thurs, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. or Fri. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The capsule will be planted somewhere on church grounds to be dug up again in 2073.

We'll collect items through Oct. 31 and we can't wait to see what you bring!

## INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAY MUSIC NIGHT

The Nahant Village Church will host an evening of international holiday music in early to mid December. Although a date has not yet been set, the public is invited to let us know of any favorite holiday music from foreign lands that you would like to see included in the program. While the focus will be on international music from other cultures, don't hesitate to suggest pieces of holiday or winter music of American origin that are favorites but not often heard.

We are planning a program with audience participation, instrumentalists, soloists, choir and of course our organ and piano, as well as bells and chimes. Please contact anyone on the music committee, Amy Dow, Bill Thompson, Marrit Hastings or Nancy Cantelmo with suggestions; we look forward to getting your input. The night is sure to be a wonderful evening that will help get everyone in the holiday spirit.



## WANTED: CARING VOLUNTEERS

The Deacons, Moderator and Pastor are working together to create a team of church members who would be willing to do some out reach to some members & friends. Volunteers would provide a connection by sending notes and communicating with those on their lists, and are also welcome to visit and pray and listen to them if the occasion should arise. They will work closely with the Pastor and Deacons to keep them apprised of prayer and visitation needs and illnesses of NVC members and friends. If you're interested please contact Chris Stevens at [secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org](mailto:secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org) or call 781-581-1202.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MISSIONS



## NAHANT COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Oct. 13, 2023 8 a.m.

Have you ever wondered how we got from the church on the left to the church on the right? Come to the Nahant Community Breakfast Friday, Oct. 13 at 8 a.m. and hear Lynne Spencer as she unravels 200 years of history of the two protestant churches and how they became one.

Arrangements for transportation of elders to and from the free breakfast may be made by calling the Tiffany Room at 781-581-7557 a few days in advance of the breakfast



Rachel McCarthy managed the bar during the pre-concert cocktail party AND met the Nahant Sea Serpent!

**CHURCH COUNCIL** meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:30. If you have anything you think Council should discuss or be aware of, please contact Jen McCarthy [edwarthy@hotmail.com](mailto:edwarthy@hotmail.com) or 781-316-7309



## NVC GROUP TO VISIT LALIBERTE LIFE! EXHIBIT

Oct. 8, 2023 1 p.m.

Have you seen the Laliberte Life show at the Historical Society, the one that features the work of Norman Laliberte? Would you like to?

A group from NVC will visit the exhibit on Sunday October 8 and everyone is invited to come along. Following worship service that day, we will offer up lunch, soup, salad and dessert, along with the usual fellowship. At 1 p.m. we'll leave right from NVC to travel down the road to the Nahant Community Center for the 1 p.m. opening of the exhibit. Everyone is welcome, carpooling is encouraged and rides are available to anyone who would like to join us!

Norman Laliberte attended NVC for many years and he lived right down the street from us. In addition to many other strong themes, spirituality is clearly reflected in his work. Our church was important to him, and we remember him fondly, so, join us as we reflect upon him and his work Sunday Oct. 8.

The Laliberte Life exhibit, will continue until October 15.

## WANT A VISIT?

Rev. Scott is happy to visit members and is willing to travel — all you have to do is ask and schedule a date & time! Let him know by calling 781-581-1202 or emailing him at [Nahantpastor@gmail.com](mailto:Nahantpastor@gmail.com). because — **he won't know you want a visit if you don't ask!**



# NVC IN PICTURES

## OUR LAST OUTDOOR SERVICE OF THE SEASON!



We couldn't have asked for better weather or a better view for our last outdoor service of the season, held Sunday Sept. 3, 2023 at Marjoram Park. Bill Thompson on keyboard (top left). Rev. Scott singing for us as he preached the gospel of creation (top right) and everyone taking it in, even Ryan in his wetsuit (center, hidden just behind Rich)

## A WORK IN PROGRESS!



Masons from Murray Masonry & More, including NVC's own Eric Moletti (center top) work on the new entrance to the main sanctuary. Once that project is finished they will start on the entrance nearest the chapel.

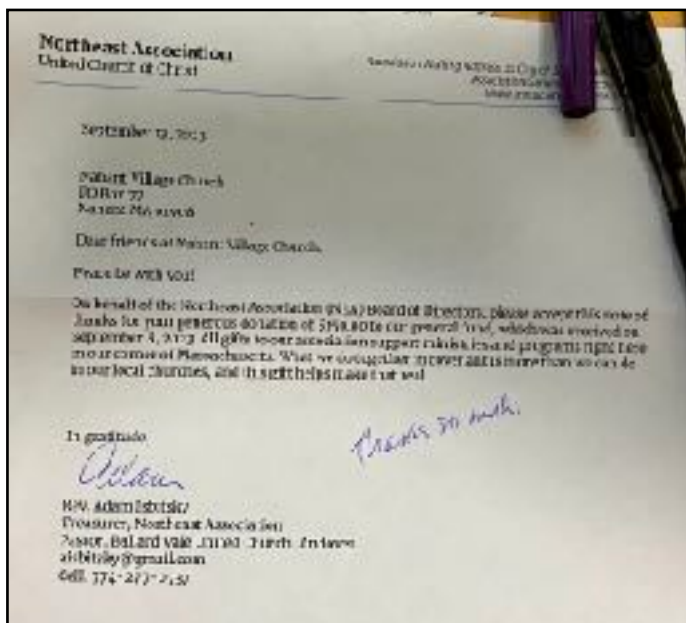
## CAPPING OFF A SUMMER CELEBRATION!

Scenes from the Open House & Concert



Psalm 133:1 "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!"

The Open House included history lessons, a mini bell recital, organ music, a hymn sing, a bake sale, music and lunch in the garth and even a sea serpent to pet. But the night belonged to Ayla Brown and Rob Bellamy who wowed a crowd of about 65 with storytelling, music and a lot of laughter. It was a great day and fabulous night! Thanks to all who pitched in to make it happen!



Northeast Association says "Thanks"



- 17 - Calantha Sears
- 19 - Rev. Teri Motley
- 23 - Lucy Grimm
- 24 - Andy Puleo
- 27 - Nancy Whitman

### VENDORS WANTED

Do you know an artisan of any type who might want to rent table at our annual Christmas Fair? The fair will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023. It is our largest fundraiser of the year and it takes many hands to run smoothly.

We are looking for vendors to rent spaces as well as a person or two to head the greens table and the jewelry table, both wildly popular! And there are many other ways to help

If you'd like to participate or know someone who might, please contact Chris Stevens at 781-581-1202 or Jen McCarthy at 781-316-7309. We appreciate your consideration.

## A LETTER FROM JESSICA

**Jessica Pedro is our sponsored child and here is her latest letter to NVC**



Dear Nahant Church,  
Good Day! First of all, I would like to greet you all a pleasant day. I hope everyone is in the best of health. About me and my family, we're doing great and in the best of health also. About school, I still have to take a few more subjects and

internship before I

graduate. I had good grades last semester and I'll still do my best to do good in school this year and to have good performance in school.

As of now, we had our summer vacation here and I'm happy spending time with my family. I'm helping my Auntie in her small business while I'm still on vacation and while helping her I also learned a lot. We also went to the beach and have a family outing to catch up with family and relatives. I enjoy my summer vacation so much and I thank God for it. We already have our schedule for our enrollment this year that's why I'm preparing my needs and also preparing myself.

Thank you my sponsor for everything. Thank you for the financial support that helps me a lot especially for my studies and I thank you for the gifts that you give to me. I'm truly blessed and thankful for everything. You are so kind to me, my sponsor. This gift will not only help me but also help my family. Thank you so much!

I always pray to God that he will bless you more and protect you from any harm. I pray that you will have good health always. I am beyond grateful for everything. Thank you so much my sponsor and I promise that I will do my best to make you proud!

God Bless you always and I love you so much!

Your sponsor child

Jessica Pedro

# NVC IN ACTION

## CHURCH COUNCIL'S CORNER

Church Council had a fruitful meeting back on September 18. Here are the highlights:

### **Christmas Fair -**

\*Will be held Dec. 2 but we're missing several key players. We're working on finding volunteers to lead the jewelry and the greens table.

\*The Chapel will be on the Garden Club Tour this year, which coincides with our annual fair. Volunteers will come Friday, Dec. 1 to decorate.

\***Bible Study** – Margaret Alexander is stepping down as the lead. The group took a summer hiatus, which has continued into the fall. They had been meeting on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Rev. Scott said he has experience leading Bible Study and if the Council so wished, he'd be happy to do it. He also suggested taking a survey asking people if they might prefer evenings.

Start date would be January 2024.

Chris Stevens will pull together an interest survey asking who is interested in a Pastor lead bible study and what their general availability is. .

### **\*Installation & Collation:**

Rev. Scott's installation is October 15, 2023. There will be a choir and bells, Rich Stevens will play the offertory, Rex Antrim and Jen McCarthy will participate in the service and there will be representation from the UCC attending.

### **\*Date for International Holiday Music Night:**

A date is being worked out for this free event, which would replace last year's Vespers service. It was thought that it would be nice to have children participate. There is an ongoing conversation with Ute to see if there will be another children's choir this year.

### **\*Possible Silent Movie Dates:**

Several dates were tossed around for the next silent movie but the consensus landed on Feb. 9. Rob Humphreyville, who accompanies the movie on piano, has picked "My Best Girl" starring Mary Pickford.

\***email and texting scam** - There needs to be ongoing education warning people about email and texting scams.

\***Cigarette stand outside** - Jen would like to ask Building and Grounds to move the cigarette stand outside the main doors. Council agreed. It can go out during events out on the sidewalk.

### **\*Location of worship – Oct – Dec:**

After October 15<sup>th</sup> we will move to the Chapel. Christmas Eve will still be in the Sanctuary.

\***Appointment of Finance Committee:** A finance committee will be formed to handle stewardship.

Rev.Scott has drafted a sample letter.

The Bylaws dictate who should be on the committee.

Article 8, Section 3: The clerk, a trustee, deacon and deaconess; treasurer, financial secretary, trustee who shall be chairperson, and minister as an ex-officio.

Reminder that according to Roberts Rules an ex-officio member on a committee has voting rights.

\***Fundraising - paint night** -Jen is working on putting together a Paint & Sip Night in early November.

\***Fellowship - Deacon hosted Community Dinners** - Chris, Rich and Jen will look at the calendar and plan a few free community dinners, with the first one being in November. Last year we did a Friendsgiving.

\***Brochure** – Council approved the new history brochure, which is available in the companionway.

\***Genesis Supper Club:** The club wants to switch to a lunchtime event inside the church. Council okayed the idea but nixed Tuesdays since there is a group already meeting on Tuesdays. Jen will follow up on the details with the group.

### **New business for discussion only:**

\*Discussion with T-Mobile.

\*Sexton: Is it time to hire a full-time sexton again?

\***Work outside continues:** Although the finish date of Sept. 30 has sailed by, the work has picked up and is moving along. Rev. Scott said despite the ongoing work the front door should be unlocked when the Sanctuary is in use as it's a natural escape route should there be a fire or other incident.

\*Jen said the pulpit in the Sanctuary seems dark. Rex doesn't think the lights were moved but will take a look.

## ZOOM WORSHIP SERVICES

We **Zoom** all of our worship services live each Sunday, so if you can't attend in person, you are welcome to join us on Zoom. Meeting ID 869 1204 8062 Password: 123456.

We also record each service, so you can watch the service later when you have time. You can visit our website [www.nahantvillagechurch.org](http://www.nahantvillagechurch.org) for all of the YouTube links. To navigate to the archive of services, click on WORSHIP under the blue banner, then click on On Line Worship Services. You can also find services posted on the church's Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/TheNahantVillageChurch>

**BIBLE STUDY**  
**IS ON**  
**HIATUS**

## WANTED: VOLUNTEERS FOR COFFEE HOUR

All you need to do is serve coffee and treats, provided by you, or other volunteers immediately after worship and then clean up. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jen McCarthy.

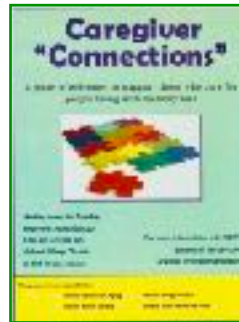


## CAREGIVER "CONNECTIONS"

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

### Nahant Village Church - Swansburg Hall



The Caregiver Connections Support Group was formed to provide individuals who care for those with memory problems a forum to share experiences and to support each other. This Support Group meets monthly on the **third Tuesday of each month from 11 a.m - 12 p.m.** The Caregiver Support Group is sponsored by

Nahant COA, Nahant Public Library, and Nahant Village Church. An experienced representative from Greater Lynn Senior Services will also participate. Please share this information with anyone who might benefit from participating. Contact Mary Miner of the Nahant COA at [mminer@nahant.org](mailto:mminer@nahant.org) for more information.



## WE NEED LITURGISTS ON SUNDAYS

No experience necessary!

If you would like to participate in the worship service by leading responsive prayers, reading scripture and announcing hymns, please contact Jen McCarthy at 781-316-7309 or call the NVC office at 781-581-1202 or sign up electronically by clicking on this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go>





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**CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Office Hours**

Saturday-Thursday - 9 a.m. -noon/1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. - noon.

Phone messages are checked regularly.

In case of an emergency contact Jen McCarthy at  
781-316-7309

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*You are invited*

**Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary**  
**Sundays @9:30 am (thru Labor Day)**

**Live Zoom Sunday Service**

**Live Zoom Service**

Meeting ID: 869 1204 8062

Passcode: 123456

Dial by your location

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

A link is available on the NVC Home page.

**Overcoming Racism Class**

Five Sundays 4 p.m. -5 p.m.

Starting Aug. 6

**Bible Study**

Tuesday 10-11am On hiatus

**Caregiver “Connections”**

Third Tuesday of the month

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

NVC - Swansburg Hall

**Village Ringers**

Mondays @ 5:15 p.m.

Swansburg Hall

We would *Love* for you join us!